

Education Program Goals		Agency/Program #: 5113-04-G1
		Division:
		Program: Education Program
Agency Name:	Montana School for the Deaf and Blind	
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Program or Project Description:

The MSDB Education Program provides educational programming for visually and hearing impaired students ages 0 to 21.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	3,294,195	3,122,550	3,608,758	500,466
State Special	416,764	415,210	291,764	27,023
Federal Funds	199,562	199,560	73,516	1,543
Total:	\$3,910,521	\$3,737,320	\$3,974,038	\$529,032

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008

Legislative Goal(s):

The Education Program at MSDB will provide an education for deaf and blind students which allows them to access education professionals, peers, communication, and learning which is not available to them in their home districts and which allows them to achieve their highest level of independence.

Legislative Performance Measures:

1. Annual parent satisfaction survey – qualitative
2. Annual student satisfaction survey – qualitative
3. Graduation rates – quantitative
4. Weschler Individual Achievement Test results – quantitative (Following federal regulations that apply to the public dissemination of test results for determining AYP the school may only be able to release a single summary statement of declines or increases in achievement by subject area tested.)
5. Annual post graduate longitudinal survey – qualitative/quantitative

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Parent surveys were mailed out in March and tabulated in April showing a 31% response rate.	3/1/2008	Apr-08
2	Student surveys were conducted on campus April 24, 2008 and tabulated on April 25, 2008 with a response rate of 82%.	Apr-08	Apr-08
3	It is anticipated two students will be eligible to graduate this school year.	24-May-08	
4	School Improvement Committee researched assessment and available assessment tools including the Weschler Individual Achievement Test.	30-May-08	
5	2007 graduates of MSDB were contacted for updates on their current status.	Feb-08	Apr-08

Agency Performance Report:

1. We had a 31% return rate on the parent survey. Of those surveyed, 100% felt informed about progress, 88% felt MSDB performs well and 94% felt there was adequate supervision.
2. WE had an 82% return rate on student surveys. Of those 81% like to go to school at MSDB, 84% believe MSDB is a good school and 90% believe their school work makes them think.
3. The two students in our 2007/2008 senior class successfully completed credit requirements and graduated on May 23, 2008.
4. The school improvement committee determined that training of the staff would be time intensive and the results would not meet our needs. The team researched MAPS and has determined this may fit our needs for driving instruction and monitoring student growth.
5. Students and families were contacted in April and information was updated and was put into the system August, 2008.

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT: Progress Report Needed

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: Appropriation and expenditure data were provided.

COMMENTS/ISSUES: MSDB now has baseline data for FY 2008, the workgroup may wish to discuss the performance measurements and areas for improvement MSDB will be using for FY 2009. A discussion of the MAPS system and potential benefits and costs may be another area for discussion.

OPTIONS:

- Upgrade or downgrade the rating
- No further review or Progress Report Requested
- Request Additional Information
- Report success of achieving goal to LFC



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Change Description
Cut/paste info from Word document;added LFD narrative